SEC. 2. Section three hundred thirty-two point three (332.3), Code 1966, as amended by chapters two hundred ninety-two (292) and two hundred ninety-three (293), Acts of the Sixty-second General Assembly, is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following new subsection:

6 "In counties which have not created a county conservation board  $\dot{7}$ pursuant to chapter one hundred eleven A (111A) of the Code, to appropriate from the general fund of the county an amount, not to exceed two thousand dollars per annum, for the use of a local, non-9 profit historical society, organized pursuant to chapter five hundred four (504) or chapter five hundred four A (504A) of the Code, for 10 11 the purpose of collecting and preserving historical materials of the area, maintaining a historical library and collections, conducting his-12 13 14 torical studies and researches, issuing publications, providing public 15 lectures of historical interest, and otherwise disseminating a knowledge of the history of the area to the general public. If such appropri-16 17 ation is made, the local historical society shall present to the county 18 board of supervisors an annual report describing in detail its use of 19 the funds appropriated."

Approved March 13, 1970.

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### CHAPTER 1069

#### CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

S. F. 410

AN ACT relating to the creation and acquisition of conservation easements by voluntary means.

# Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- SECTION 1. The state conservation commission, the Iowa natural resources council, any county conservation board, and any city or town or agency thereof may acquire by purchase, gift, contract, or other voluntary means, but not by eminent domain, conservation easements in land to preserve scenic beauty, wildlife habitat, riparian lands, wet lands, or forests, promote outdoor recreation, or otherwise conserve for the benefit of the public the natural beauty, natural resources, and public recreation facilities of the state.
  - SEC. 2. "Conservation easement" means an easement in, servitude upon, restriction upon the use of, or other interest in land owned by another, created for any of the purposes set forth in section one (1) of this Act. A conservation easement shall be transferable to any other public body authorized to acquire conservation easements. A conservation easement shall be perpetual unless expressly limited to a lesser term, or unless released by the holder thereof, or unless change of circumstances shall render such easement no longer beneficial to the public. No comparative economic test shall be used to determine whether a conservation easement is beneficial to the public.
- 1 SEC. 3. Conservation easements shall be recorded as other instruments affecting real estate are recorded, and each public body acquir-

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- ing one or more conservation easements shall maintain a current inventory thereof. Unrecorded and uninventoried conservation easements shall be deemed abandoned.
- A conservation easement shall clearly state its extent and 2 purpose.
- The powers accorded by this Act shall be in addition to, 1 SEC. 5. and not in derogation of, all powers provided by law with respect to the public bodies named in section one (1) of this Act.

Approved February 12, 1970.

## CHAPTER 1070

## COMPENSATION OF EXAMINING BOARDS

S. F. 58

AN ACT relating to the compensation for members of examining boards.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- Section one hundred fourteen point eight (114.8), Code 1966, as amended by chapter one hundred fifty (150), section one (1), Acts of the Sixty-second General Assembly, is hereby amended as follows:
- 1. By striking lines one (1), two (2), and three (3) and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Members of the board shall set their own per diem compensation at a rate not exceeding forty dollars per day for the".
- 2. By striking from line eight (8) the words "his duties" and insert-9 ing in lieu thereof the words "their duties within the limits of their 10 available funds". 11
  - SEC. 2. Section one hundred fifteen point three (115.3), Code 1966, is hereby amended as follows: 2
    - 1. By striking from lines three (3) and four (4) the words "receive for their services only" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "set their own per diem compensation at a rate not exceeding forty dollars per day for each day actually engaged in the discharge of their duties,
    - and". 2. By inserting in line five (5) after the word "such" the words "per diem and".
- 10 3. By inserting in line six (6) after the word "hereunder" the 11 words "within the limits of their available funds".
  - SEC. 3. Section one hundred sixteen point four (116.4), Code 1966, is hereby amended as follows:
  - 3 1. By striking lines one (1), two (2), and three (3) and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Members of the board of accountancy shall 5 set their own per diem compensation at a rate not exceeding forty dollars per day for each day actually engaged in the discharge of their 7 duties, and the members".
  - 2. By inserting in line six (6) after the word "duties" the words